

Minutes
Westboro Beach Community Association
2016 Annual General Meeting
December 5, 2016

There were approximately 40 people present at the meeting held at the Field House on Van Lang. Meeting was chaired by Don Stewart.

1. Agenda

Accepted as proposed.

2. President's Report

Mari Wellman, WBCA president, gave the following report:

(a) Sir John A Macdonald Winter Trail

A few years ago, WBCA submitted a proposal project to the NCC in response to their request for ideas to animate the Ottawa River waterfront. The NCC recognized the expertise, knowledge and dedication of board member Dave Adams and granted funding for a pilot project in 2015-16 to groom a winter trail for cross-country skiers with a parallel trail for snowshoers, walkers and winter bikers. The pilot was very successful. The NCC and Dovercourt Recreation Association have now signed a contract to operate the trail for the full winter. Dave will be the manager and head groomer for the Winter Trail.

(b) The Field House on Van Lang Private

After three years of hard work by volunteers, the community field house was officially opened on May 8th. Special thanks for the leadership of board members Bonnie Campbell and Thelma Harding as well as to the late Beth Nolan. We also thank Councillor, Jeff Leiper, who with some creativity, successfully managed to get the funding to complete the building.

Dovercourt Recreation Association is now managing the scheduling of programs and activities as well as providing administration for the field house. Activities include Coffee Talk in the mornings, play groups, and the monthly Community Kitchen which is being done in co-operation with Carlington Community Health Centre through funding from the United Way. There is also be a homework club called After the Bell and a computer lab.

The challenge now is to secure funding for materials and supplies for the ongoing operation of the Field House. Volunteers are always needed to help with some of the activities.

(c) Fundraisers

There were two fundraisers this year. We still have to repay our Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) debt from when we challenged a developer for inappropriate development, and funds are required to operate the community association and its many activities.

- Annual Seedling Sale
In the spring, we sold seedlings that were grown at the Ferguson Forest Centre. Thank you to Catherine Casserly for organizing this project.
- Fuze Days Plant Sale
We had a one day sale at Westboro Fuze Days selling plants donated by the community.

(d) Green Gateway Garden

A team of volunteers planted and maintained the Green Gateway Garden at the corner of Churchill Ave. and Workman Ave. Both perennials and annuals were used to establish the garden. Volunteers are always welcome.

(e) Community Social Events

Our social events have surpassed our expectations in every way. With the co-operation of the weather, we had a tremendous turnout at all the events. Led by Peter Bruton, Jay Johnson and Ian Dobson, with help from a slew of community everyone had a great time. They organized our successful Winter Carnival, Beach Opening BBQ and Beach Closing Bonfire.

(d) Environment Committee

This committee has been very busy. Some of the projects included:

- Beach Tunnel Mural
Crime Prevention Ottawa provided a grant to paint a mural on the tunnel at the beach. As a condition of the grant we will have to keep it in good condition for at least three years. Please report any deterioration and graffiti. Thank you for to our artist, to our community designers and painters, to our partners - the NCC, Dovercourt Recreation Association, the City of Ottawa Parks and Recreation, the Beach Cafe and our Councillor .
- Bat Houses
Nature Canada donated three bat houses. There were substantial challenges to finding a suitable location to erect them. The search will continue in the spring.

(f) Speakers Series

We had two well attended series this year. The first was on birding with renowned naturalist Bruce di Labio. That was followed by a talk on Climate Change.

(g) Reforestation of Kitchissippi Woods

The Kitchissippi Woods, a new title, includes the land from the Atlantis Woods, Selby Plains and as far east as the Champlain Bridge on both sides of the Sir John A Macdonald Parkway. The goal of the reforestation project is to provide a natural continuous corridor for a diversity of birds; a contemplative and educational path that will highlight birds that can be seen; and a celebration of the historical and natural heritage of the area. We are about to do a base mapping of the area, and next season we hope to continue the work in partnership with Ecology Ottawa and the NCC. Volunteers are needed to realize our goal.

(h) Problem Streets

We continue to deal with problem streets. Thank you to those who have erected a Slow Down for Us signs, but Lanark Avenue and Churchill remain problems.

(i) Zoning and Variances

The Zoning Committee of Catherine Casserly and Katherine Gunn, has overseen the proposed developments in our neighbourhood and have sat through and participated in countless Committee of Adjustment meetings on our behalf. This year the volume of requests has declined from past years.

(j) Mahoney Park Renovation

We have participated in planning and look forward to the Mahoney Park renovation and have requested enhancements beyond what is being planned.

(k) Bloomfield City Works Yard Expansion

The Bloomfield City Works Yard expansion and development continues to be a concern, especially for neighbours abutting the Yard. We will continue to monitor and address the concerns. Our Councillor is being kept informed of the issues. Thanks to Tim Bouma for staying on top of things.

(l) Development of Vacant Land

In the spring we heard that the Jules Leger School might close as the

result of an overview of all special education classes in Ontario. We met with the City Planning Department - John Smit, Alain Migueles, Doug James - who suggested that we should contact our Councillor to request that a work study of both sites (Jules Leger Centre and 250 Lanark Ave. across the street) be added to the Work Study List. We thank architect Rosaline Hill for her invaluable assistance in meeting with us and the Planning Department. We will closely monitor any developments.

(m) Remembrance Services

We participated in the commemorative services at the Westboro Cenotaph for the Battle of the Atlantic, the Battle of Britain and Remembrance Day.

(n) Involvement with Other Groups

- Bonnie Campbell represents us on the Service Provider Agencies meetings and with READ - Rosemount Library expansion and development.
- Don Stewart represents us at the Federation of Citizens Association and at the Federation of Urban Neighborhoods. Don has also represented us at the recent OMB Reform consultations.
- We participate in discussions on Ward issues initiated by our Councillor including the Kitchissippi Ward Forums, Kitchissippi Parking Strategy, Planning for our Parks and green spaces, and the list goes on.

(o) Canada 150 Celebrations

The WBCA also participates on two projects of a historical nature. We are working towards hosting a Return of the Trocadero event for 2017. The Trocadero was a very popular dance hall right on Westboro Beach. It had a great dance floor and had good recorded and live music. With the Trocadero project, the Beach Cafe is heavily involved. Other nearby community associations and individuals have expressed interest in becoming involved, but the current planning committee would like to secure funding for the projects first.

The other project is working on the return of the bell to the old Nepean Town Hall, currently the Churchill Seniors Centre. It was taken when Nepean became a separate city and became part of their logo.

These two projects are done in collaboration with the Westboro Community Association, Friends of Churchill Seniors Centre, the Westboro Business Improvement Area.

(p) Website, Facebook and Twitter

Thank you to Patricia Pollock, our social media manager, for the great job she does of posting information and managing our social media. Our website is

<http://www.westborobeach.ca/about> Become friends with us on Facebook to get all the latest information.

Motion to accept the President's Report

Moved: Bruce Hutchison Seconded: Bonnie Campbell

Passed

3. Financial Report

2015-16 Financial Report

Westboro Beach Community Association

Expenses

Payment to artist for mural painting	3,000.00
Nakkertock Ski Club for SJAM Winter Trail grooming	2,034.00
Repayment of OMB loan	1,500.00
Beach BBQ party	551.93
Beach closing party	150.58
Purchase of seedlings	137.30
Printing	133.90
Bank charges including new cheques	70.00
Fire permit - winter and beach closing	50.00
READ Rosemount Library Campaign Donation	50.00
SJAM Winter Trail donation	50.00
Gift for departing board member	40.00
Gift for speaker (De Labio)	35.90
Federation of Community Associations Membership	30.00
Total Expenses	7,803.61

Revenue

Crime Prevention Ottawa for mural painting at SJAM Parkway underpass	5,000.00
NCC for SJAM Winter Trail grooming	2,034.00

Sale of trees and shrubs	350.00
Donations from Winter Carnival	310.05
Donations from Beach closing party	285.20
Donations from De Labio Event	247.00
Westfest (plant sale)	195.00
BBQ profit	69.07
Donation from AGM	39.00
Total Revenue	8,529.32

TOTAL BALANCE **695.71**

Liability - Outstanding debt for OMB hearing 1,400.00

Funds Held in Trust and/or Administered by WBCA

Held in trust for Van Lang Project - returned at opening of new field house.	2,422.66
Carlington Community Health Centre Grant (in trust) 2015-16 - all spent	3,000.00
Carlington Community Health Centre Grant (in trust) 2016-17 -	3,000.00
Ottawa West Kiwanis for Field House oven	2,000.00
Total Grants	10,422.66

IN KIND: Green Gateway - flowers and shrubs: Supplies for Beach Parties: Cookies

Motion: The 2015-16 WBCA financial report be approved as presented.

Moved: Catherine Casserly Seconded: Craig Dennis

Passed

4. Councillor Jeff Leiper

Councillor Leiper urged people to subscribe to his weekly newsletter (Kitchissippi.ca) in order to stay current on city and ward events and issues.. He also reported that he has investigated the bad situation related to Bloomfield Yards and urged people to call 311 if they have any concerns. The Mahoney Park renewal will be funded from the “Cash In Lieu” funds. There will be traffic control measures of some kind installed on Lanark Ave.

5. Election

The election was chaired by Dr. Bruce Hutchison. The following slate was proposed:

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Motion to accept the slate as presented:

Moved: Amanada Dominique Seconded: David Mowbray

Passed

6. Guest Speaker Presentation

Dave Allston, local historian, gave a very interesting presentation on Skead's Mills, the precursor of the Westboro Beach community.

7. General Question and Answer Period

Several questions were asked. They included questions on the SJAM Winter Trail, electricity in Roy Duncan Park and a planned bonfire at Winston Square on Dec. 8th. There were no burning issues raised.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved Bruce Hutchison

Approved